Sl. No.	Project	Capacity (MW)
9.	PENCH TPP, M/s Pench Power Ltd.	500
10.	GUNA CCGT, M/s STI Power India Ltd.	347.25
11.	BHILAI TPP, M/s Bhilai Power Supply Co. Ltd.	574
12.	RAIGARH TPP, M/s Jindal Power Ltd.	2×275
13.	KORBA (EAST) M/s Daewoo Power India Ltd. TEC	1070
MAHARASHTRA		
14.	BHADRAVATI TPP, M/s Central India Power Co. Ltd.	1072
15.	DABHOL CCGT, M/s Dabhol Power Co.	2015

Renegotiation of Dulhasti Hydro-Electric Power Project

1058. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General has detected massive irregularities in the renegotiation of Dulhasti Hydro-electric Power Project contract with the French Consortium, Cecleg;

(b) if so, the steps taken to bring to book the officials responsible therefor; and

(c) the corrective steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) As per the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General on Dulhasti Hydro-electric Project regarding the contract entered into with French Consortium in 1989, there has been financial losses to National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC) on acount of permitting the civil contractor viz. M/s DSB to rescind the contract after the contractor suspended the work due to the alleged disturbance on law and order situation in the valley.

(b) Responsibility has not been fixed on any official as the Corporation signed a rescission agreement which was ratified by the Government of India and Government of France to enable resumption of construction activities which were suspended in August 1992 by the French civil contractor.

Policy for increasing investment in Power Sector

1059. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken series of measures to kickstart their medium term growth plan and taken bold initiatives for increasing investments, both in thermal and hydel sector, and encouraging captive coal mines, apart from bilateral international cooperation with friendly countries for setting up "showcase power projects";

(b) if so, the details thereof and results achieved, so far;

(c) what are the most outstanding achievements on power front during the past one year and areas requiring drastic change/restructuring; and

(d) the details of action programme II phase of policy reforms in power sector for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (d) The target for the 9th Plan has not been finalised. However, in preparation of the achievement of much higher capacities in the Ninth Plan, some of the important measures taken by the Government are:

(i) NTPC is proposing to add 6270 MW of new capacity during the

Ninth Plan capacity expansion programmes are under way at Unchahar, Vindhyachal and Kayamkulam. Faridabad CCGT (400 MW) and Simhadri TPS (1000 MW) have recently been accorded investment approval by the Government of India and work has started at the Faridabad Project. Other projects of NTPC scheduled to add capacity in the Ninth Plan are Talcher-II (500 MW), Extension units at Anta (650 MW), Auraiya (650 MW), Kawas (650 MW) and Gandhar (650 MW). These projects are being processed for early investment approvals after the requisite inputs have been tied up and clearances are available.

(ii) The policy of private sector participation in power sector allows foreign equity participation upto 100%. Captive coal mines can also be set up for power generation.

(iii) CEA has accorded technoeconomic clearance to 30 power projects with a capacity of 16504 MW in the private sector. Many of these projects are likely to be posed for financial closure shortly. 20 projects with a capacity of 7498 MW are nearing financial closure.

(iv) CEA is expected to consider further new capacity addition of about 2500 MW for techno-economic clearance during the current year.

(v) Provision has been made of Rs. 897.50 crores during the current year for additional Domestic Budgetary Support for accelerating the commissioning of projects in the Central Sector. This includes a provision of Rs. 200 crores as interest subsidy to enable PFC to lend for renovation and modernisation of existing units and accelerated completion of ongoing projects in the State Sector.

(vi) The Bill to enable setting up of Central and State Electricity Regulatory Commissions has been introduced in the Parliament. This would enable State Electricity Boards to improve their financial position and help them to undertake new investments.

(vii) The Bill to allow private sector participation in transmission sector has been introduced in the Parliament.

(viii) The Government has set up a Standing Independent Group to establish parameters for negotiation of power projects proposed by foreign agencies/companies.

Review of Power situation in the Country

1060. SHRI JAYANT KUMAR MALHOUTRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the power situation in the country;

(b) if so, the major initiatives proposed to be launched to improve the situation;

(c) whether Government propose to set up a Central Power trading Corporation; and

(d) if so, the details thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. With a view to assist the State Governments/the State Electricity Boards to step up generation during the current year, a short term plan viz. Programme for Accelerated Generation, Evacuation and Refurbishment (PAGER) has been initiated by the Ministry. The programme envisages concerted action to tackle the problems of fuel supply and its transportation, adoption of better plant level practices, improving the liquidity of